

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing and reexamination and reconsideration of the subject application pursuant to and consistent with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, are respectfully requested in light of the remarks which follow.

As reflected in the Office Action Summary, claims 1-8 are pending. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's finding that claim 4 is allowable.

Claims 1, 5 and 6 have been canceled by way of the present Amendment. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuation or divisional application directed to any subject matter deleted by way of this Amendment.

Claims 2-4 and 7-8 are amended herein. Claim 4 has been amended to appear in independent form, *i.e.*, to incorporate the subject matter of base claim 1. Claims 2-3 and 7 have been amended to depend off of claim 4. Claim 8 has been amended to recite the subject matter of claim 4 (that the species and types of virus are dengue virus). Claim 8 is also amended to attend to replace "3)" with "(c)" for purposes of consistency. Thus, no new matter is added by way of these amendments.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph

Claims 1-3 and 5-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, because the specification purportedly does not reasonably enable any person skilled in the art to make and/or use the invention commensurate in scope with these claims. Applicants respectfully traverse in light of the amendments made herein.

Claim 4, reciting a composition which comprises four species or types of live attenuated dengue virus, is indicated by the present Office Action as allowable. The Office Action further indicates that claimed methods as relating to dengue virus are enabled. Thus, the claims are amended herein to recite a composition comprising different species or types of live virus is a composition which comprises four species or types of live attenuated dengue virus. Thus, Applicants submit that the claims as amended herein are enabled.

Claims 1-3 and 5-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as being drawn to subject matter which was purportedly not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. Applicants respectfully traverse.

The claims are amended herein to recite a composition comprising different species or types of live virus is a composition which comprises four species or types of live attenuated dengue virus. Without ceding to the rejection, Applicants submit that the claims as amended herein are commensurate in scope with the present disclosure.

Thus, in light of the amendments herein, Applicants submit that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph should be withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102(b)

Claim 5 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as purportedly anticipated by Osterhaus *et al.* Without conceding the merits of the rejection, but in order to expedite prosecution, claim 5 has been deleted. Thus, this rejection is moot.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order. Such action is earnestly solicited.

In the event that there are any questions relating to this application, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney concerning such questions so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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